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The growing importance of religion as news is a reality which can no longer be ignored or pushed to one side by either newspapers or by church organizations, local or national. This has been revealed by a number of current statements and conferences held thruout the last few months.

The National Religious Publicity Council, at its 28th annual meeting in New York, brought out in speeches by participating newspapers, that 'religion is a big story -- big in terms of the number of readers who are directly touched by religion; big in terms of the intimacy between the reader and religion; big in terms of religion's unique role in stabilizing and upgrading local communities and undergirding our national way of life.'

The Evangelical Press Association, at its 9th annual convention in Cincinnati, O., brought out the point that a free press does not fulfill its moral obligations to society unless it is also responsible press. Various points were stressed in connection with this theme, such as: 'even the religious press unfortunately lapses at times from the sense of absolute obligation to God and truth. When it does, it cheapens liberty into license.'

At the 38th annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, in Philadelphia, Penna., delegates were told that member papers have a total circulation of 13,164,116. Delegates were urged to be faithful to the 'high purpose' of religious journalism and serve as a 'positive and constructive Christian influence on contemporary civilization'. In this meeting, W.B. Arthur, managing editor of Look magazine, told editors that their religious publications were now competing on coffee tables with secular publications and that many editors made the error of being too theological and too sanctimonious. He urged them to meet modern competitive standards in layouts and techniques. 'Pompous writing has no place in a family magazine...and religion is a family affair' was a theme of his address. He further deplored the apparent 'extreme

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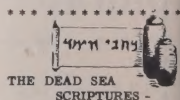
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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH



Foreign



SERBIAN PATRIARCH OBJECTS TO GOV'T. Complaining that the Church is being 'unfairly treated' by Communist authorities in some provincial areas, the Patriarch Vikentije asked Mr. Jovanovic (Gov't. head of the Religious Commission for Serbia) to take steps to correct it.

complaints were chiefly that heavy taxes were imposed on some priests in the provinces, some church properties had been illegally appropriated, and that a number of clergy had maltreated. Mr. Jovanovic reportedly promised to correct these and any other 'difficulties' that might hinder good relations between church and government.

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INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE CAMEROONS TO BE FORMED. The synods in West Africa of the Presbyterian Church, USA, were granted permission by the General Assemblies general assembly to form their own independent church.

Synods of Bassa(25,656), Cameroun(25,257), and East Cameroun(25,572) will form their General Assembly next December. It is anticipated that Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the Presbyterian Church USA's Stated Clerk, will attend the meeting of the constituting Assembly.

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OCEAN PROTESTANTS SHOWING PHENOMENAL GROWTH. Dr. Wallace C. Merwin, of the East Office of the National Council of Churches' Foreign Missions Dept., reported that the Protestant membership in South Korea had doubled since 1953(October). Thus, in 1957, the census shows an increase from 675,000 to 1,324,000 in April, 1957.

Merwin stated that South Korea could well become a Christian country in the 'foreseeable future'. The reasons given for this change from Buddhism and Shamanism to Christianity were twofold: The country's present leadership is in the hands of Christians; a deep-seated popular antagonism to Communism and its leaders; gratitude for the contributions given to Korea by Christians, in the form of hospitals, schools, orphanages, and similar types of humanitarian efforts.

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ANNONITE GROUP TO RETURN TO CANADA FROM MEXICO. More than 300 Mennonite families, who left Canada 30 years ago to settle in Mexico, have decided to return. Nearly 100 sect members are expected to be involved in the migration throughout the coming summer months. They will comprise the largest Mennonite community in Canada.

10,000 acre site, northwest of Matheson, on the banks of the Black River will be their new home. The site was chosen by 12 leaders who toured Ontario and picked this particular area because it has both rich farmland, as well as the enormous expanse of acreage they needed to conduct their mixed and dairy farming operation.

Organized in the early 16th Century as a 'holiness' movement, the Mennonites led a type of primitive life, obeying social authority on all points that did NOT conflict with Scripture. A former Roman priest, Menno Simons, was one of their earliest leaders - hence their name. They number over 250,000 in North America. - ED.

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REMAINS OF ANCIENT CHURCH DISCOVERED IN BULGARIA. The remains of one of the oldest Christian churches, with well-preserved frescoes, have been found at Pomoriye.

Pomoriye is a Bulgarian city on the Black Sea. Sofia Radio reported that the scientists had calculated that the ruins date back some 1,800 years.

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AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS MARKS 100th ANNIVERSARY. The first American chapel founded on foreign soil marks its 100th anniversary this year.

The church is the oldest non-governmental American institution in Europe. Its congregation was formed to serve the American colony in the French capital. The present English Gothic structure, erected over the foundation of a tobacco warehouse on the Quai D'Rosay, was completed in 1931 at a cost of \$1,000,000. It replaced the first chapel on the Rue de Berri, off the famous Champs Elysees. The building was called a chapel until 1883, at which time a French law prohibiting use of the word 'church' for non-Catholic houses of worship was repealed.

Dr. Clayton E. Williams is pastor of the American Church. This summer he is exchanging pulpits with Dr. H.E. Mumma, pastor of First Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

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GERMAN PROTESTANTS INAUGURATE EASTERN ORTHODOX INSTITUTE. A series of lectures on 'Church and State in the Soviet' marked the beginning, in Muenster, Germany, of a Protestant Institute to study Eastern Orthodox Churches.

The Institute will sponsor regular lectures and seminars aimed at promoting interest among students and the general public in the Eastern Churches. It is being sponsored by the Evangelical Church in Germany and is attached to the Evangelical faculty of Muenster University. The Institute will particularly devote attention to the study of religious life in Eastern Europe. Dr. Robert Stupperich, Russian-born professor of church history and authority on Eastern affairs, will direct its work.

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ANCIENT GOSPEL MANUSCRIPT RESTORED IN LENINGRAD. It has been reported that a precious copy of the Four Gospels, which had been lost for centuries, has been restored to the Public Library in Leningrad.

The volume was originally prepared by Deacon Gregory in 1056 for the church of St. Sophia in Novgorod, at the request of the Ostromirov family. Czar Alexander I had then removed it to Moscow in 1770 and later had it placed in the Leningrad Library. Copies of the manuscript are now being prepared for use by the Russian Orthodox Church.

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FINNISH ORTHODOX CHURCH REJECTS AFFILIATION WITH MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE. When Metropolitan Nikolai (of Moscow Patriarchate) arrived in Finland early this month, it was his second visit since 1953. In 1953 he toured Finland, speaking at Communist sponsored meetings on religious life in Russia. His visit had been regarded as a thinly-veiled attempt to push the Finnish Church into breaking ties with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and accepting the canonical authority of Moscow. Previously in 1952, Archbishop Herman had forced the resignation of the secretary of the Finnish Synod; Aleksii Perola, a lawyer, because of the latter's effort to bring the Church under Moscow.

Metropolitan Nikolai, on his current trip, openly conveyed an 'offer' by the Synod of Moscow to re-establish relations with the Finnish Church and let bygones be bygones. The Finnish Church while maintaining 'an atmosphere of friendship' throughout the meeting, later issued a decision against accepting such relations. The Finnish Synod declared it would remain under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, with whom they had been affiliated since 1923.

and has some 70,000 Orthodox, most of whom belong to congregations loyal to the Finnish
pod. There are, however, some monks at Valamo and Konevitsa, who had declared themself
under Moscow, as a result of which the Finnish Synod in December 1955 branded them as
lawful' (uncanonical).

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CANONIC RULES ON CONCELEBRATION OF MASS. A Mass celebrated by several priests
valid if all of them together, not just one, pronounce the formula of consecration. This ruling
just issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

Consecration of the bread and wine takes place when the celebrant recites the words: 'This is
body. This is my blood.' When several priests say the Mass together, all participating
at the same altar, the liturgical act is known as concelebration. For the Roman Church, this
concelebration occurs only at the ordination of priests and consecration of bishops.



The Eastern Orthodox Church allows priests to freely celebrate the Liturgy together at the
same altar. The difference from Roman practice, which is a deviation from Apostolic usage,
is that only the central or chief priest actually consecrates the bread and wine; the others
participate in the Service and in the prayers and communion proper, but only one performs
the act of consecration. Another difference is that Rome uses the Words of Institution for
consecration, whilst the Orthodox use both the Institution, the Invocation and the Consecra-
tion. The Romans also use the azyme (unleavened matzoth) whilst the Orthodox use a whole
leavened loaf of bread. - ED.

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THE SCRIPTURES FOR GREEK ORTHODOX PRISON WORK IN GREECE. According to
the American Bible Society, the supply of Scriptures to the prisons in Greece is being made on
a completely free basis.

Greek prisons allow holding of Bible classes. The religious supervision of the prisons is under
the Apostoliki Diakonia, thru which body most of the official religious activities of the Greek
Orthodox Church are now carried on. Apostoliki Diakonia, last year, made application to the
Bible Society for New Testaments to be supplied free to all prisoners. The Bible Society agreed
and 10,000 Testaments will now be supplied annually.

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ROMANIAN SYNOD ELECTS NEW METROPOLITAN OF TRANSYLVANIA. Romanian
Orthodox Bishop Nicolai Colan of Cluj Cadu and Feleacu has been elected Archbishop of Alba
Iulia and Subiu and Metropolitan of Transylvania.

The new archbishop was elected by secret ballot by the Synod of the Romanian Church and will
replace Dr. Justin Moisescu, who had been elected as archbishop of Iassy and Metropolitan of
Moldavia and Suceava.

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GREEK PRIESTS TO BE LIMITED IN NUMBERS. According to a report issued by a spec-
ial committee of the Holy Synod of the Greek Church in Athens, the number of Greek priests
serving in Greece will be limited to 7,000. The committee also recommended an increase in
pay for all priests. At present, there are 7,761 Orthodox priests in Greece. To implement
the report, a bill is expected to be introduced into Parliament shortly by the Minister of Cults.



Thirty-two days, of a 'once-in-a-life-time' experience, will include visits to such

Domestic

historical places as: Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Acropolis, Parthenon, Tower of the Winds, Delphi, Olympia, Sparta, Salonika, Constantinople and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Halki Seminary, Damascus, the Patriarchate of Antioch, the street called 'Straight', the house of Ananias, St. Paul's window in the wall, native bazaars, The Jordan, Jericho, Bethlehem, Patriarchate of Jerusalem, St. Stephen's Grotto, Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgement Hall, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, David's Tower, Wailing Wall, Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, House of Mary and Martha, Lazarus' Tomb, the Dead Sea, Elisha's Fountain, David's Tomb and many other historical and Scriptural places of note.

The all-expense tour starts on June 14th, aboard the Greek steamship T.S.S. Olympia in New York City's harbor. Ernest A. Villas, of 2706 Russell Avenue North, Mpls. 11, Minn., is Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee.

- Such excursions should be participated in by membership from all Christian Churches that are interested in seeing the traces of history, first-hand. - ED.

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PROTESTANT PUBLISHING HOUSES GROSS \$100,000,000 in 1956. In a report made public by the Protestant Publishers Ass'n. this fact was revealed. The some 32-denominations belonging to the Association, all have publishing houses that produce books, periodicals, educational church-school curriculum materials, and other printed matter. They also manufacture and distribute church and Sunday school supplies.

The Association itself, while it does not concern itself vitally with the activities of the individual denominational publishing efforts, does maintain and function thru various permanent committees, most of which are concerned with the study of ways to improve business methods.

- Sound, practical management is the salvation of any physical venture. - ED.

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SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS DENOUNCE 'BIZARRE PRACTICES' OF FAITH-HEALERS. The 97th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.(Southern) unanimously adopted a report of the Assembly's Committee on Christianity and Health, which deplored 'bizarre practices' and cure claims of faith-healers who make 'incorrect interpretations' of Scripture to justify their conduct.

According to the report, the committee undertook to give a 'sound' interpretation to one of the classic New Testament passages, much used in reference to sickness and health and efforts at spiritual healing. This passage is that of St. James 5:13-16.

The report stated that 'incorrect interpretations of this passage has furnished support for a great many of the bizarre practices and unjustifiable claims trumpeted abroad in the name of the Christian religion by faith healers'. The report continued: 'It is important to remember that by faith, James means much more than an intellectual assent to a proposition.....it would appear that an experience of confession, repentance and forgiveness may sometimes be essential to recovery of health'.(The report argued that prayer should be used in the modern world in conjunction with the best medical remedies and procedures.)

Clarifying what they meant by 'confession' in the report, the committee elaborated: 'Protestants who believe.....confession should be made directly to God.....(sometimes).....feels so alienated from God by his sins that he has difficulty in receiving assurance of pardon....(in which case).....it may be advisable for him to have a spiritual counselor to serve as a witness to this transaction between the soul and God'. The report then added: '.....we may suppose that pastor

ordinarily better qualified than others, and our choice therefore ought to fall mainly upon

sound reasoning and, of course, one which was discovered by the Apostolic Fathers, who enacted it into canonical (regulated law of the church) form. Known today as the Sacramental system - of which there are seven. Perhaps the Committee would find additional aid for their continued study by reading the Canons, Acts and Decrees of the Seven Ecumenical Councils - available in book form for a few dollars. - ED.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING BEING NEGLECTED. According to Rev. A.W. Price of St. Stephens Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, Penna., 'sane Christian healing' has a place in the church. Stated, at the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, that he can bear witness to years of results and that 'hundreds of cures of organic, functional and mental disease have been attested by laboratory and x-ray tests, from colds to cancer, from arthritis to chronic alcoholism, from ear-ache to epilepsy, from mental depression to mental derangement'.

have discovered from our experience over the years', he said, 'that there is no disease which is incurable, and no problem that cannot be solved when God is allowed to 'take over'.'

for the method to be employed, Rev. Price stated: 'God has implanted within each one of us a marvelous remedial and healing agencies. He has implanted within us the mechanism to solve any problem, every difficulty, every circumstance that may come to us in our lifetime. These agencies must be released. They are locked up within us. The Kingdom of God is within us, said Jesus. All the healing agencies are buried within us, waiting to be released. This is a part of the Gospel that the power of the Holy Spirit is within us, to heal, to inspire, and to give life, but it has become the neglected part of our religion. We forget that God is not only outside us, but He is also within us'.

saying that medical science and spiritual healing go 'hand-in-hand', he stressed that doctors and clergymen 'are meant to cooperate with each other in the healing of the whole man'.

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TEEN AGES AND AUTOS CAUSE OF BOOM IN U.S. CHURCH BUILDING. Dr. John R. Scotford of N.Y., interim director of the Nat'l. Council of Churches Dep't. of Church Building, made this observation in a report to the annual National Joint Conference of Church Architects meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

saying that large families are in vogue again, with more and more youngsters going to Church and Sunday schools than ever before, Dr. Scotford said: 'They're even starting so early that crèches for care of infants....is becoming standard ecclesiastical equipment.'

going to the automobile, Dr. Scotford said it has stimulated church attendance and hence church building, but has also created the problem of parking space. Dr. Scotford also cited the desire of Americans for more impressive places of worship; that they were no longer content with auditorium-type of churches, but crave a place where they may experience the presence of God.

A similar view was expressed by Rev. C. Harry Atkinson of N.Y., a church publication editor, who felt a church should not be too modern in 'flighty' design, nor should it be a return to the Gothic cathedral type. He expressed himself by saying: 'Don't borrow a cookie cutter from the past'. He advised today's architects to employ use of new forms and new materials, but to 'let the church be the church'. He called for elimination of excess steps and stairways and a use of non-hazardous floor surfaces with the right kind of furniture and proper light intensity.

Some 1,000 church architects, artists and church building leaders from all over the country participated in the meeting.

Church construction set an April, 1957 record of \$64,000,000. This was an increase of \$11,000,000 over the same month, last year. So far this year, construction has reached an all-time high, over previous years. The four month total, so far this year, has reached \$259,000,000. - ED.

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL OBJECTS TO 'MODERNISTIC' PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH. proposed new church of Annunciation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin has run into a snag in its p to build according to the original drawings submitted by the famed American architect, Fr Lloyd Wright.

Mr. Wright's original plans called for a dome-shaped, contemporary style structure, base the classical theme of Greek Byzantine architecture. The building, according to his design would be in the form of a Greek cross. It would be topped by a circular blue tile dome and ornamental band of blue copper. A sunken garden planted with shrubs and flowers would ci the building on three sides.

The project had been scheduled to get under way this spring, but has been delayed because site is in the path of a local expressway development.

Commenting on Archbishop Michael's statement that the new church would be too 'moderni and that it 'should conform to Greek Orthodox tradition', Rev. E.N. Vergis, rector of the G Annunciation Church, said: 'Plans for the building have caused considerable comment, both and against. That was to be expected. When Mr. Wright works on something, you get that ki of reaction.' Father Vergis added that under the church's constitution the plans have to b approved by the archdiocese. He said a meeting with the Archbishop might be arranged soo Mr. Wright could not be reached for his comment.

- Let us hope the Archbishop will have a broad enough vision to allow the American Spirit to express itself and not merely be, as expressed by Rev. Atkinson - at the Conference of Church Architects - 'a cookie cutter from the past'. - ED.



'The Design'

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ROMANIAN ORTHODOX DEDICATE HEADQUARTERS CHAPEL. More than 1,000 perso attended a dedication of a new \$100,000 chapel at the national headquarters of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, near Grass Lakes, Michigan.

Named St. Mary's Memorial Chapel, it honors Romanian Orthodox pioneers in America. T dedication was headed by Bishop Valerian D. Trifa, head of the episcopate. Among notables present at a dinner, held in connection with the dedication, was Princess Ileana of Romania. The Princess presented the chapel with an ancient icon of the royal family, in the name of Queen Mother Helena of Romania.

The new chapel contains two auditoriums, one seating 600 and the other 150. The grounds the headquarters cover some 200 acres and are comprised of 11 buildings in all. Most of buildings are used for educational and recreational activities during the summer months w parishes send their children for vacations.

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ROMANIAN BISHOP MOLDOVAN OFFICIATES IN CHURCH AT SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS Bishop Andrei Moldovan, who claims he is head of the Romanian Orthodox Church in North America, but has been forbidden from so doing by the U.S. Federal Court in a decision rendered in 1952, officiated at Holy Week services in St. Michael's Church in Southbridge. Occupy the pulpit of Rev. Steris Mikhaldas, who recently resigned with the charge that his congregation had 'open and direct affiliation' with a Communist church leader, the bishop apparently was received as the accepted head of the local church, by the local congregation.

Presumably, the bishop was here to discuss the selection of a new pastor. Meanwhile, Father Mikhaldas left Southbridge for Grass Lakes, Michigan, where, he said, he will report to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Viorel D. Trifa, who in 1951 was elected head of the Church by the anti-Moldovan forces. These churches also voted at that time to sever any remaining canonical ties with the Church in Romania.

In his resignation, Father Mikhaldas charged that Bishop Moldovan was ordained under the auspices of 'the Communist Party and the Red Patriarch of Moscow.....and is in the service

Patriarch Justinian of Communist Romania'.

Bishop Moldovan was a priest in Akron, O. He flew secretly to Romania where he was consecrated Bishop of North America by the Patriarch and Holy Synod in Bucharest. The American churches of the communion refused to recognize the Bucharest action. Leadership of the anti-Moldovan group charged that Romanian communists planned to use the new bishop as their tool in the U.S. Subsequently, they elected Dr. Trifa as bishop.

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WOMAN ORDAINED AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF INTERRACIAL CHURCH. The New York City Presbytery ordained the first woman minister in its history, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 122nd St. & Morningside Drive, N.Y.C. early this month. Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan will serve as the second white assistant minister at the Harlem Church, of which the Rev. James H. Robinson, a Negro, is senior pastor. The other assistant clergymen are the Rev. Richard Stenhouse, a Negro; Rev. Malcolm R. Evans, white; and Rev. S. Garry Oniki, a Negro.

Mrs. Sullivan, 31, was the church's director of Christian education prior to her ordination. She was granted leave-of-absence to finish her advanced training in pastoral counseling at the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry. She was educated at the Univ. of Rochester, Union Theological Seminary and the William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry. Her husband is a graduate of the Stevens Institute of Technology and is an active layman in the Church of the Mass.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA voted in 1956 to permit the ordination of women. The action was subsequently ratified by a majority of the Church's local presbyteries.

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NEW HYMNAL COMPLETED FOR EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN. The book, which is the first ever prepared by the group, includes 481 hymns, a communion ritual, prayers, liturgical responsive Scripture readings and other aids to worship.

The hymnal was authorized at a conference in Allentown, Pa. in 1946, at which time a merger of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ into the present Evangelical United Brethren took place. This hymnal will take the place of the hymnals that the old groups had published in 1892 and 1935, respectively. Bishops J. Balmer and Fred L. Dennis of Dayton headed the commission.



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NEW LUTHERAN HYMNAL TO BE ISSUED. A new hymnal, that will serve more than five million Lutherans in eight church bodies, will go to press shortly. Scheduled for release by Easter, it has taken some 12 years of work to produce the text of this cosmopolitan hymnal, which will have songs of German-Swedish-Norwegian-Danish-Finnish-Icelandic- and some other European origin. More than 600 hymns will be included.

Accompanying the book's appearance, will be Old Testament lessons, a lectionary containing Epistles and Gospels appointed for the festivals and holy days of the year. After the music edition and lectionaries are published, work will begin on additional volumes: i. The Altar Service Book ii. The Occasional Services iii. a text edition of the service book and hymnal iv. A Handbook of the hymnal with commentary on them v. a Companion to the Liturgy, which will contain rubrical directives to the clergy.

September 25th and 26th have been set as the days for a meeting of the national assembly, at which instructions will be given as to the use of the hymnal. At this assembly, proof-copies of the forthcoming book, along with recorded renditions of the services will be utilized for

instruction use. Following this initial instruction, area meetings will then be held, and final meetings in all local parishes will complete the instruction 'break-thru'.

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JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER HONORED BY HYMN FESTIVAL ON 150th BIRTHDAY
A hymn festival, marking the 150th birthday anniversary of John Greenleaf Whittier, honoring the Quaker poet, was held May 5th, under the auspices of the American Hymn Society and the Hymnal Committee of the Friends General Conference, at the Race Street Friends Meeting, Philadelphia, Penna.

About 65 of Whittier's lyrics have been set to hymn music. Among those most frequently used are: 'Dear Lord', 'O Brother Man', 'Immortal Love', and 'Forever Still'.

The observance was arranged by G. Marshall Taylor of Montclair, N.J., an authority on the great American poet. Mr. Taylor said he planned a similar observance, to occur in November in New York City.

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250th ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF CHARLES WESLEY TO BE HONORED. Some 40 different countries will be the scene of Hymn Festivals in remembrance of the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Charles Wesley was born Dec. 18th, 1707 in England and died in 1788. He was a famous hymn writer.

Dr. Dean Edwards of N.Y., president of the Hymn Society, said: 'the 6,500 hymns by Charles Wesley belong to all denominations and we hope to honor him by making 1957 a great revival of congregational singing'. He said the Society will sponsor a Wesley Hymn Festival in December in N.Y. and will cooperate with similar observances across the country. The world-wide observance was conceived by the World Methodist Council and is being sponsored in this country by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

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CLERGYMAN COLLECTS MEDICAL SAMPLES FOR MISSIONARY HOSPITALS. Knowing the high cost of vitamins, drugs, and other essential medical supplies, Rev. Leicester Potter, chaplain of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Boston, came to the conclusion, about six years ago, that too many of these valuable supplies were being wasted. As chaplain, he saw how the large pharmaceutical supply houses were supplying samples of their products to the medical profession, thru the mail. He observed also that a great majority of them were ending up in the wastebaskets. He decided to do something.

Contacting the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, he found them in willing agreement to handle distribution of the supplies, once he had them.



Word was passed around regarding the undertaking. Soon his office in the Hospital began to be deluged with jars, bottles, vials and even damaged surgical instruments (parts of which were usable). As the task grew and grew, Rev. Potter had to get the complete cooperation of the missionary board. Today, shipments of 'samples' are being sent to Africa, Philippines and other far-flung mission centers of medical assistance. As Rev. Potter said: 'In many instances, missionary hospitals are getting the most recently developed drugs, that might not ordinarily find their way into such remote places for many years, if at all.'

- As Service to others is the keynote of true religion, here is a project which might well be adopted by local churches everywhere, especially where the clergyman is also a chaplain of a nearby hospital. - ED.

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HUNGARIANS COMMEMORATE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY. The Hungarians of America are commemorating 400th anniversary of the birth of religious liberty. On June 9th, 1557 AD, the Diet of Transylvania enacted the law, which the Hungarians like to be the FIRST ever enacted in ANY land, proclaiming Religious Liberty for all.

The law reads, in part: - 'Each person may hold whatever religious faith he wishes, with old or new rituals, while we at the same time leave it to their judgement to do as they please in the matter of their faith, just so long, however, as they bring no harm to bear to anyone at all, lest the followers of a new religion be a source of irritation to the old profession of faith or become in some way injurious to its followers.....'

To understand, historically, how and why such a Law was enacted, the following synopsis of facts from history are here given:

TURMOIL = Turmoil over all Europe. England writhing under the terror of the Inquisition imported from Spain along with the husband of 'Bloody Mary'. Hundreds martyred, thousands died. Latimer, Ridley, Cranmer executed. The Age of Philip II, characterized by persecution of the Protestants. In France, Henry II declares his duty to be the extermination of all heretics - his subsequent employment of the Inquisition, approved by the Pope, in this same year. Fifteen years later, the massacre of St. Bartholomew wipes out the Huguenots. Germany torn between the old and new faith wages internal conflict for 100 years. All Europe in upheaval. Armies plundering the length and breadth of all Europe. Battles followed by peace treaties among these treaties, the one in Augsburg in 1555. But even this agreement attained no freedom of religion - it only gave each ruler the power to determine the religion of his own particular subject peoples.

Shadowing all these strifes and tragedies came the Terror. The invasion of Islam. Suliman the Magnificent announced his intention to feed his horse from the altar of St. Peter in Rome. A divided Europe appeared easy to overrun. Hungarians arose and fortified with 88 fortresses the great plain region, within which Moslem hordes were confined. For 150 years they contained the onslaught, even though attacked by the House of Hapsburg from behind and within thru the Inquisition. The same bloody terror-reformation that had rocked and terrorized Spain, France, Ireland and England. In 200 years this nation, overwhelmingly Protestant, was reduced from 4 millions to one million. In this critical period, the Eastern Region of Hungary remained independent under its own constitutionally elected Hungarian Princes. Transylvania, for 200 years it remained the easternmost bastion of Evangelical Christianity. This was the land, the Diet of Transylvania, enacted this First Law of Religious Liberty. Today = 400 years of Memory Eternal.



For any interested in a historical booklet on this subject, write Alexander Toth, Editor 'Reformatusok Lapja', 55 N. West End Ave. Lancaster, Penna. - ED.

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FIFTEEN CLERGY GROUP IN U.S.A. FOR TOUR. Six refugee clergymen and a seminar from Iron Curtain countries are now touring the country under the auspices of the fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches.

The purpose of the tour, according to the Council, is to show Americans the true picture of what Communism has done to religion and to strengthen Christian forces against it. The seven touring members are from Estonia, Latvia, Poland and the Ukraine. They represent the following church organizations: Polish Refugee Church in Exile - Latvian Evangelical Church in Exile - Baptist Church in the Ukraine - Methodist Church of Warsaw.

PROTESTANTS TO GIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH A NEW BELL. The Rhode Island Council of Churches is raising funds to buy St. Anna's Roman Catholic Church in Schandorf, Austria a new church bell.

The old bell, which had hung for 150 years, cracked just before Christmas, last year, and had to be replaced.

The reason, that Rhode Island Protestants are making the appeal to replace the bell, is due to the fact that the Austrian town of Schandorf received an average of some 300 refugees from Hungary, during the Communist oppression of last Fall and Winter. The Church World Service (Nat'l. Council of Churches) observed the charity of the villagers and were impressed by their sacrifices they made. They asked the villagers what they would like for themselves; their reply was 'a new bell'. Hence the act by the Rhode Islanders.

● The Spirit of Christ knows no barriers. - ED.

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EPISCOPAL BISHOP AUTHORIZES 'PEACE' PRAYER FOR N.Y. DIOCESE. Rt. Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, Bishop of Western New York, authorized the following 'peace' prayer:

'Almighty God, do Thou inflame the hearts of mankind everywhere with such a passion for that peace which is born, not of our fond desires, but of Thine inflexible purpose, that madness may be displaced by sanity, force by reason, war by law.

Raise up thruout the world leaders of vision and courage, who, scorning peril, will guide the nations into great adventures for the well-being of all mankind and the establishment of enduring peace.

Quell arrogance, wherever it prevails; frustrate intrigue and selfish scheming; make good-will to reign in the hearts of all men and speedily bring us all out of our present peril and confusion into the order and righteousness of a continuing brotherhood, thru Him, who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

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'SYRUPY' APPROACH HAS 'SWEET' ENDING. Lebanon Methodist Church, Lebanon, N. H. has found it pays to invest in 'sweets'.

For the third year, members of the Men's Fellowship have tapped the maple trees on the farm of Howard Townsend and brought in the golden harvest. The congregation made the original investment by buying 500 pails. A pneumatic drill, strapped on the back of one member, at a 400 acre farm of maple trees to walk thru, have provided appropriate 'outlets' for a total of some 2,300 pails to receive the flow of sap. The church receives 25% of all proceeds.

● This also provides a good outlet for members energies, as well as for the trees.- ED.

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GREEK ORTHODOX BUY SITE FOR FIRST HOME FOR AGED. A 27½ acre site in suburban Cook County has been purchased for the establishment of the first home for the aged of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America.

The purchase was announced by Bishop Ezekiel of Chicago, executive vice-president of the Greek Archdiocese Welfare Foundation, the agency that will build the home. The bishop also explained that a campaign to raise the necessary funds is now under way and construction is to be started soon.

Other officers of the Foundation are Archbishop Michael; Alec K. Gianaras, an electronics manufacturer; Peter D. Gianukos, a wholesaler; Dan Pavlatos, a food merchant.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADOPT 'NO DATING' RULES. A 'no dating' code for pupils of the Roman Catholic grade schools of Peoria, Illinois was issued with approval of the diocese.

It will be forbidden to wear lipstick or other make-up. Both boys and girls will be prohibited from going dancing in public places. No children will be allowed to attend mixed parties, unless sponsored by the schools.

In other sections of the country, meanwhile, four students of a Roman Catholic high school in Storrs, Conn. had been expelled for 'going steady' - The principal, Father Crudele, said that the 'no dating' rule had been in effect for eight years. No such pronouncement has been issued by the New York Archdiocese, most important of all Catholic Dioceses, as to 'going steady'. In Lynn, Mass., 'going steady' has been banned at St. Mary's High School; similar prohibitions have also been made at institutions in Buffalo, N.Y. and Loretto, Penna.

In Crowsville, Canada, eight teenage girl students of a Roman Catholic Convent School were expelled for attending an Elvis Presley show. The school at Notre Dame Convent had been asked to pledge to not attend the rock 'n roll star's performance. Some of the 400 students declined to sign, on their parents instructions. The Mother Superior said she had learned that in a number of cases irritated parents took their daughters to the show in defiance of the edict. This, the Mother Superior explained, was not an excuse. Punishment, she added, was given, not for seeing the show, but for daring to disobey orders.



You can lead me to water, but you can't make me drink

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CATHOLIC MOTHER BAPTIZES SON. A 3 year-old boy was recently baptized by his mother after he had been hit by an automobile, suffering fractures of head, body and left leg. The mother, pouring water in a cup, poured it on his head, saying:

I baptize thee, Clarence F. Allen Jr., in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost'.

A local priest stated: 'In an emergency, anyone can perform the rite...'

True apostolic tradition. - ED.

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CALIFORNIA LANDMARK FACING DESTRUCTION. 'The Church Built From One Tree', as the church landmark is known, faces destruction by the city of Santa Rosa unless moved by May. Built in 1873 from 78,000 feet of lumber cut from a single giant redwood, the church was one of the few buildings to survive the 1906 earthquake that ravaged the area.

The area which the church stands on is to be used for the construction of a city parking lot.

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NEW GROUND FOR NEW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH. Hempstead, Long Island, New York was the scene of ground-breaking ceremonies for the only Greek Orthodox Community in Nassau County, this month.

The church's Greek Orthodox Church in its 6½ year history has seen its congregation grow from 10 families to 1,500, who - scattered thruout Nassau - faithfully attend and support their church. The church is located on Cathedral Avenue.

The ground-breaking will give the impetus to the development of a Byzantine Church and Community Center. It will be the first true Byzantine Church in this area. It will be modeled after the famed S.Sophia Cathedral in Istanbul.

Metropolitan George Pappadeas, pastor, officiated. The president of the Community, Peter Katakis, was present, along with Achilles George, building chairman, to see the fruition of this dream of the congregation.

CLEANUP OF RELIGIOUS 'RACKETEERS' URGED. Frank Ketcham, a Washington D.C. attorney and an active layman in the Congregational Christian Churches, singled out for special criticism individuals who use radio and TV for 'religious rackets designed to enrich the pockets of their practitioners'.

Mr. Ketcham continued: 'There are many cases of individuals calling themselves ministers.....who, in my opinion, do untold damage to the emotional well-being of hundreds of thousands of people and make fortunes doing it'.

According to the attorney, who practices before the F.C.C., these unscrupulous practitioners of religion are immune from....prosecution even when fraud has been established, because they can plead the 1st Amendment. 'The evils of these situations are growing', Mr. Ketcham said. 'Our people are anxious and troubled. They will turn to almost anyone who sounds plausible to them in their anxieties. As Christians, we should not permit them to be victimized and damaged, both spiritually and physically, by charlatans and frauds'.



He called on 'church forces themselves to determine what qualifications a man or woman needs to be a minister, make them the minimum qualifications, and when they are not met, to speak forth and so publicly state, in order that the false guise of religion can be removed.'

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HELICOPTER LIFTS STEEPLE. In Detroit, Mich. a helicopter was employed in a most unusual and significant advance in building construction methods. Fastening five sections of steel spire of new church to its frame, the helicopter rose slowly into the air; hovering over the structure, it gradually lowered the sections into place as workmen bolted it in position. It is thought this was the first instance of this ever being done in the construction line.

The church is located in suburban Bloomfield township and is being constructed at a cost of \$5,000,000.

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BOTTLE-SMASHER WANTS TO BE BOTTLED. When Cecil Howard, 33, smashed some \$2,500 worth of liquor bottles in a liquor store, because they refused to sell him wine, he was hauled before the courts in Grand Island, Nebraska.

The judge told him he would have to make amends by attending church and making regular reports to a probation officer. Cried out the defendant: 'That's too much to do. Send me to jail.' Replied the judge - 'Eighteen months in the state prison'.

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UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH FOSTERING SPANISH-LANGUAGE MISSIONS. For some years, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America, jurisdiction of Archbishop Bohdan (under Ecumenical Patriarchate), has been fostering a Spanish Mission to the Mexican people in Dallas, Texas.

Rev. George J. Owen, Correspondence Sec'y. to Bishop Bohdan, assisted in the formation of the work - he is conversant in several languages, including Spanish. It has been reported that the Spanish language, set to the Greek music, makes a most inspiring motif. Rev. Father Roys is carrying on the actual work, along with other clergy, in the Dallas area.

● As Orthodoxy moves more and more into the Western Hemisphere, it is only natural that a great need will be felt for Spanish-language services, as well as clergy. Any pioneer work, such as this being evidenced by Bishop Bohdan and his clergy, is truly a positive advance in the right direction. - ED.

HONOLULU EPISCOPALIANS RAISE \$400,000 IN 48 HOURS. Members of St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral completed the financing of the 95 year old church with little or no public-
high pressure, and no professional help.

From the cathedral will start this Spring and will be finished in time for Christmas. When
erected, the entire facade of the cathedral will feature one of the largest
ind-glass windows in the world - 50 by 24 feet.

The window will depict the history of the Christian Church. It will tell the
story of the birth and life of Christ; 2,000 years of church history and the
story of Christianity in Hawaii.



A part of the contributions came from church families. The largest con-
tribution was \$80,000 and the smallest was \$1.

St. Andrew's was founded by the Hawaiian monarchs, King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma.

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EPISCOPAL 'LOAN' FUND OF \$1,000,000 ESTABLISHED. The board of directors of the
Episcopal Church Foundation in N.Y. announced it had made available the monies to aid in the
construction of churches in 58 parishes in the U.S. and Hawaii. The money will be loaned on
short-term, interest-free notes.

The foundation president, W.B. Given, Jr., said there was a need for churches in areas where
population growth had created an emergency situation for worship. It would be primarily in
these areas that the money would receive priority. He also stated it was the intention of the
board to see that the 'Loan Fund' was increased regularly, as able.

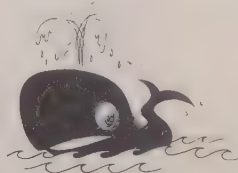
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CAB LIFTS BAN ON G.O.Y.A. CHARTER FLIGHT TO ATHENS. The Civil Aeronau-
tics Board reversed its ban on a charter flight sponsored by the Christian Orthodox Youth
Council of S.S. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Washington D.C.

The board cited 'extreme hardship' for the persons involved as the reason for reversing the
original order, which had delayed the flight for 48 hours. However, the CAB warned that any
religious or other non-profit group, which arrange for charter flights to overseas destinations,
must not sell tickets to any persons other than their own group members. It also said that an
application for CAB approval on such flights must be filed at least 60 days before the schedul-
ed departure.

The CAB stated that the group had, contrary to regulations, permitted non-members to partici-
pate in the expense-sharing trip.

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getting to the Holy Land



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ORTHODOX RALLY HELD IN HAMMOND, INDIANA. With 14 Orthodox Church-
es of Lake County participating, the Civic Center in Hammond, Indiana was the scene of a mass
gathering of Orthodox, Sunday evening, May 19th.

Rev. Alexander Schmemmann, dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary, N.Y. City, gave an address
on 'The Orthodox Christian Church and the Unity of All Christians'. Sponsoring the rally, the
Orthodox Clergy Ass'n. of Lake County invited visitors from some 600 Greater Chicago Church-

ches to be present. 1,300 additional invitations were sent to individuals of Christian background. Over sixty universities, colleges and high schools were also extended invitations to participate.

With Mayor Dowling welcoming the distinguished visitors, the program was broadcast over the local Radio Station W.J.O.B., which has coverage of the entire area of Greater Hammond, Gary, Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Blue Island, Harvey and surrounding cities.

Rev. John Marcetich, president of the Orthodox Clergy Ass'n. explained that the purpose of the rally was to present the Orthodox Church to the public in a fashion suitable to their gaining a more complete understanding of its role in the Christian world, especially in relation to the 'need for unity in Christendom'.

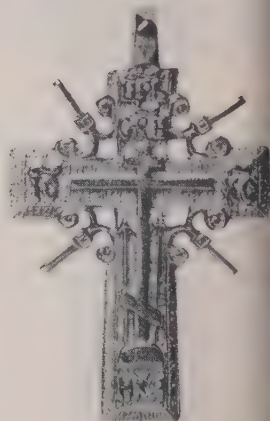
The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ezekiel, Greek Orthodox bishop of Chicago, delivered the opening prayer and an address of welcome.

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BYZANTINE ART. This is the title of an 9x12 inch offset, 26 page, spiral bound booklet. It deals with two articles about Byzantine Art, namely - i. The Romance of Mosaics ii. The Genius of Byzantine Mural Painting. Both articles were written by C.J. Lampos and originally appeared in the 'Athene' Magazine. Selling, as it does, for only \$1.00, it is well worth the reading. Mr. Lampos has examined into many of the details and facets of both the technique and history of the Byzantine School and has provided many illustrations to go with the text of his commentary.

THE SCHISM OF THE ROMAN CHURCH

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EDITOR'S NOTE = The following is an abstract of an address delivered by Prof. Karmiris at the Univ. of Athens on January 30th, 1950. January 30th is always commemorated as the 'Three Orthodox Theologians' (S.S. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom), as well as 'Greek Education Day'. It is here given to show-forth some aspects of Greek Thought on the so-called 'Great Schism', when Rome separated herself from the ancient and undivided Apostolic Church.

Among the opponents and adversaries of the Orthodox Catholic Church of the East, the Papacy yearly took its place. By the word 'papacy' we mean the tendency of the Bishops of Rome, which is foreign to the genuine spirit of Christianity, towards absolute concentration of all the powers and properties of the Church - even up to the point of infallibility - in one ruler and the exercise by him of tyrannical government and sovereignty over the whole Church of Christ. In addition, the term implies all the accompanying innovations of the bishops of Rome in administration, worship and faith of the Church; moreover, it means the appropriation by the papacy of political, namely worldly power.

The Eastern Church, in which the great dogmatical and ecclesiastical struggles were taking place at this time, that as a result gave to Christianity its definite and permanent form, was touched immediately by the absolute papal ambitions. For this reason, she did not react actively in time against the pursuits of the bishops of Rome, which in the beginning were put forward in the East in the form of a simple claim to honorary primacy. In this way, the papacy had the opportunity to impose itself on the Western Church and to strengthen its position during the first eight centuries. When it thought itself sufficiently strong, it attempted to extend its sovereignty even over the Eastern Church during the latter half of the ninth century, taking advantage on the one hand of her weakness due to her subjugation by Mohammedanism and of the decline of the three ancient Patriarchates of the East - Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem -; on the other hand, of its political emancipation from the byzantine emperors and of its alliance with the Frankish rulers of the West, thru the aid of whom the papacy had already obtained political power. The theory of the two swords and the papal primacy was thus shaped.*



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Very characteristic is the event that to justify all this and particularly to support the papal claim of jurisdiction....two known fictitious fabrications called 'Donations of Constantine' and 'Pseudo-Isidorian Decretals' were forged in the West from the middle of the 8th Century.. because their forgery remained unperceived for a very long time, they caused a complete revolution in the ecclesiastical form of government, which had been held from the first centuries of Christianity'.

These forgeries by Rome were first exposed by Laurentius Valla in 1440 AD and so proclaimed also by Leo of Vercelli, Otto III's chancellor at an earlier date in the 10th Century. The prohibition for non-Roman archaeologists to thoroughly investigate the catacombs and recesses of 'Peter's Tomb' opens question as to its true authenticity; perhaps a forgery? ED

In this manner, there was somehow created in the Church a new degree in the priesthood, of the Pope.....the visible head and ruler of the whole Church and vicar of Christ on earth, so, in this way, the ancient simple honorary primacy of the bishop of Rome was perverted changed into a primacy of jurisdiction that was.....crowned with infallibility. Of course, the fabrications of the Latins, which are contrary to the letter and spirit of the Holy Scriptures and Holy Tradition, were able to find reception only in the West and not in the Greek Orthodox East,.....For this reason, it is obvious that as soon as this monarchy and absolutism of the Pope.....would attempt to spread out over the independent and free Eastern Church, it would inevitably lead to conflict and schism of the two Churches, the responsibility resting with the Roman Church.

CELIBACY **AZYME** **INFALLIBILITY** **FILIOQUE** **PAPISM**

The papacy was not content with changing the organization of the Church alone, but venture also to introduce many dogmatical and liturgical innovations that were unknown in the ancient Church. Thus, she innovated in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrism and the Holy Eucharist.....But that which clashed more against the dogmatical conscience of the Orthodox was the addition of the 'filioque' clause to the Creed.....This clause contains the Latin teaching of the 'procession of the Holy Spirit - 'and from the Son -', which was characterized by Photius as an 'heretical belief'.....On this point(i.e.-altering the Creed-ED.), Third Ecumenical Council decreed that 'it is not permitted to anyone to pronounce another faith, by writing against that which was defined by the Holy Fathers, who convened at Nicaea under the guidance of the Holy Spirit'.This was accepted by the earlier Popes, of whom Leo III, in 810 AD, in order to protect the Creed from alteration, ordered it to be written on two silver plates, in Greek and Latin, without the illegitimate addition(i.e.-the 'filioque' clause) and set them up in the Church of the Apostle Peter in Rome. This.....naturally contributed a great deal to the division between the Eastern Church.....and the Western Church, with its inclination to innovate in matters of faith.

Besides intellectual and ecclesiastical differences,.....racial and political differences.....have gradually prepared an ecclesiastical schism. These differences had their beginning and root in the transfer of the capital of the Roman Empire by Constantine the Great to Constantinople. We are able to discern differences arising even before this, in the occupation of Greece by Romans and much earlier in the establishment of the first Greek colonies on Italian and Gallic soil. All these, together with the forementioned ...papal primacy, we consider as the principal and deeper causes of the ecclesiastical schism between East and West, while....the events and the protagonists of the schism in the 9th and 11th centuries were only the immediate and lesser occasion for it. The schism would have been realized sooner or later, inasmuch as it depended upon persons not imbued deeply with the Christian spirit of love. It is obvious that the causes and pretenses of the schism should not be confused, as is often done.

The Greek Fathers were distinguished for their theoretical and philosophical mind; the Latins for their practical and organizing spirit. This difference existed from antiquity....From the time of Origen to Photius this difference pervaded all theological thought....It was accompanied by the partial or total lack of understanding on the part of both; by the love of power and leadership; and by the rivalry of the bishops of Rome and Constantinople for the 'thrones.'

Thus, the first disagreements between East and West occurred with the decisions of the Second (381 AD) and particularly the Fourth(451 AD) Ecumenical Councils, which bestowed equal pri-

to the Patriarch of Constantinople with the 'bishop of Rome, for Constantinople becoming Rome... (the Fathers) rightly deciding that the city which was honored for royalty and sentience should enjoy equal rights with the older royal Rome, and be magnified in church affairs like being the second after her....and to the older Rome did the Fathers reasonably give privilege because she was the ruling city'. But more significant was the first real schism between East and West, which lasted 35 years (484-519), and was caused by Zeno's 'Henotikon', issued with the approval of the Patriarch of Constantinople Acacius.** The smaller schisms caused by the persecution of S. John Chrysostom (406-407) and Maximus the Confessor (649), and others of lesser significance, are overlooked.

...became the....dissension between the Eastern and Western Church on account of the Councils of 336, 381, 451, 553 and 564 of the Council of Trullo (691 AD), by which the primary rights of the Patriarch of Constantinople were again recognized and the general obligatory celibacy of the clergy and the fast of the Latins during Saturdays of Lent were condemned.

Even in the ancient Greeks and Romans, because of their mutual tyrannical conquests and conflicting interests, it was natural for a permanent enmity to develop. This was intensified by important differences in respect to culture, spirit, language, national, religious and social character, life, manner and customs, etc. But, this dissension continued after Christ, when the capital was transferred to Byzantium. Since then, the bishops of Rome maintained an unhealthy disposition toward Byzantium, which was dawning as an ecclesiastical as well as a political center, and on the other hand they also began to try and invest themselves with and imitate the double authority of their predecessors, pontifices maximi, as well as that of the emperors of pagan Rome, in order to exercise both ecclesiastical and political authority. They hoped to continue, under the new cloak of papo-caesarism, the old caesarean imperialism and totalitarianism. To this end, they contrived the theory of the so-called papal supremacy.

This theory....caused conflict....also with the emperors of Byzantium....(who felt)...heavily the loss of sovereignty over central Italy, which was subjected during the 8th century by the papal state established by the Franks....Similarly, the Popes also resented the....subjection of Sicily and Eastern Illyricum by Byzantium.....the Popes....placed themselves under the protection of the Franks, who had recently appeared (8th century) and whose rulers, Charlemagne, they had crowned emperors. In this way, they contributed to the establishment of the western empire, limiting authority of the Byzantine emperors to the East. Through such political maneuvers, the Popes sought chiefly to put an end to their dependence..... Byzantium, and to invest themselves with political power by provoking and accepting the so-called papal state in Italy as a gift of the Frankish rulers (see 'Donation of Constantine' on the preceding pages). Henceforth, the Popes bear two swords, that is, exercise two powers: priestly and royal, ecclesiastical and political.

There were the relations between the two Churches, when, in about the middle of the 9th century, the papal readership fell into the hands of the two eminently powerful hierarchs: Pope Nicholas I, on the one hand, and Patriarch Photius of Constantinople, on the other.

It was....principally after Popes Leo I and Gelasius I succeeded in defending the theory of papal supremacy and....raising...papal power to an unprecedented degree. Photius, adorned with talents....rarely gifted by nature to man,opposed the Pope as the....guardian of....Orthodoxy and the independence and rights of his Church.

The clash between these two great hierarchs was inevitable, as soon as...(the Pope)...would attempt to extend his sovereignty over the Eastern Church. Nicholas....was eager to enforce

On the Pope Felix, without any right, invited imperatively to Rome the Patriarch of Constantinople, Acacius, in order to apologize. Because of his refusal, the Pope deposed him and crossed him out from the diptychs. The Eastern Church, recognizing no such jurisdiction, paid no obedience to this un-canonical act. Acacius, however, in equal measure, ordered the name of the Pope to be crossed out from the diptychs. In this way, the first serious schism between the two churches broke out. The responsibility rests with Felix, altho it is called the 'Acacian' schism. His example was followed by his successors Gelasius I, Anastasius II, Symmachus and Vigilius, at whose time the schism was lifted.'

the....politics of ecclesiastical imperialism.....even over the Orthodox East. This was particularly necessary, because papal supremacy....had to get recognition from the four remaining Eastern Patriarchates of the Church Pentarchy....in order to insure itself. Since this recognition was peacefully unattainable, forceful intervention was necessary and....proper exploitation was needed. Nicholas thought that he had found (the favorable opportunity) in a dispute in Constantinople between Photius and Ignatius.

Patriarch of Constantinople, Ignatius, was deposed in 857 AD. He was forced to resign chiefly for political reasons, without any interference from Photius. (This)...most learned professor in the University of Constantinople....Photius, was unwillingly (on his part) elected to the vacant throne canonically and by unanimous vote of clergy and laity. He was, in fact, canonically recognized, in the beginning, by Ignatius and his followers as the canonical Patriarch. It is also known that the Synod, which convened in Constantinople in 861 AD, unanimously approved Photius' election as canonical. In this Synod, official representatives of Pope Nicholas took part, voting in favor of Photius and condemning Ignatius.

In spite of this, Nicholas, thinking the opportunity had come (to present)...his absolute supremacy....wrote repeated letters to Emperor Michael III, to the Patriarchs and bishops of the East, and to the 'most-learned' Photius..... in which, on the basis of the pseudo-Isidorian Decretals, he presented himself as absolute sovereign of the Church and her highest judge, and, therefore, judge in the dispute between Photius and Ignatius. As such, he annulled, in 863, the acts of the Church Synods which had convened in Constantinople; and he declared Photius a layman and Ignatius the only canonical Patriarch of Constantinople. The reason (he used) this....was the patriarchal change, which was made without his knowledge and consent. He (also) called together a Latin Synod in Rome in 863, which likewise deposed and anathematized Photius and those ordained by him, and declared Ignatius the canonical Patriarch and reinstated him and the Ignatian bishops to their thrones. Getting no attention and answer from Constantinople, he continued the same violent arguments against Photius. The Pope based this....intervention...(also)....on the pitiful misinterpretation of the 9th Canon of the 4th Ecumenical Council, which even his apologist, Cardinal Hergenrother, acknowledges was 'interpreted' in the sense that its writers, the Fathers of the Council of Chalcedon, had given it', but arbitrarily for his own benefit.

Pope Nicholas gave almost simultaneously still another cause for the outbreak of the schism.....It was the arbitrary intervention in the Bulgarian Church, which....was under the jurisdiction of the spiritual leadership of the Patriarch of Constantinople. Nicholas (whilst) engaged in....argument against Photius.....(also) was sending into Bulgaria, uncanonically, his bishops Formosus and Paul, later Donatus, Marinus, Dominicus, Leopardus, Grimoaldus and many other Latin clergy, who were applying themselves to the task of latinizing Orthodox Bulgaria and the neighboring Slavic countries by the introduction of latin dogmas and traditions. (The Greek) clergy were driven out and the Orthodox traditions were assailed and slandered. The corruption and forgery of Orthodox dogmas and traditions became the third cause for the outbreak of the ecclesiastical schism. These Latin clergy stirred up the newly-Christianized Bulgarians by declaring certain of their sacraments invalid, because they had been performed by the married Greek clergy, whose marriage they criticized.....They also ordered obligatory Latin celibacy of the clergy and the separation of the already married clergy. They also considered invalid the sacrament of Holy Chrism, as being performed by priests, and not by bishops, as in the West. They changed the customs of fasting....they introduced the 'filioque' clause into the Creed.....

Photius....decided it was time to defend himself. Under the pressure of popular opinion and that of the Emperor,Photius decided to act ecclesiastically....to censure Nicholas for forging the Orthodox faith, for violating ancient traditions, and for seeking to latinize Bulgaria and other countries.....Towards this end, Photius issued his famous encyclical in the year 866 AD, with approval of the synod of Constantinople.....in which the heterodox teachings and uncanonical acts of Rome and Nicholas I were denounced..... This Synod met during July-August of the following year....and condemned the forenamed latin teachings and innovations. It also proclaimed that the Pope Nicholas be deposed, anathematized and excommunicated, as well as those in agreement with him, especially the papal legates in Bulgaria.....As Professor A.D.

also writes ('Studies on Photius, Athens, 1887): 'In this Synod, the Eastern Church and her own rights and by the deposition of the Pope....she expressed her autonomy and independence'.

manner, then,.....the first disastrous ecclesiastical schism of great proportion broke Photius....checked the introduction of new dogmas and traditions into the Eastern Church, e.g.,- papal supremacy, filioque, immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary, indulgences, purgatory, sacramental innovations, and the abuses of the latin Middle Ages. All these (which aroused the people of the West (themselves) and eventually precipitated two (other) schisms (these) within the bosom of the Western Church: i. Protestant ii. Old Catholic. ***

acted as the representative and bearer of the will of the Church and Nation, whose rights were violated and whose autonomy and independence were threatened. Photius did not initiate the schism and did not provoke it.....did nothing to enlarge it, make it permanent or transform it from a personal argument to an official denunciation...,which occurred in 1054 AD; on the contrary, he succeeded within a short time in reconciling and lifting the schism by convening the Synod of 879-880 in Constantinople, which restored community between Rome and Constantinople. This was done with the participation and agreement of the Roman Church. As a result of this....a great peace was made between the Western Church and the other Patriarchates. The Pope at that time, John VIII, recognized Photius and ratified the decisions of the Synod.....and the decisions against him of the Latin Synods in Rome (863) and Constantinople (869) were invalidated.

As for this, the unlawful addition of the 'filioque' clause to the Creed and the theory of the papal supremacy in jurisdiction and power over the whole Church, which chiefly caused the schism between Nicholas and Photius, were condemned. Thus, Photius was released by this of all responsibility for the conflict. It is especially noteworthy that the Byzantines recognized this reconciliation as a 'union of the Churches.' This 'union' became more important, particularly at the time of Patriarch Antonius II (893-895), and especially from the time of Cerularius.

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A. F. Dvornik (Photian Schism) says: 'Photius is stated to have inspired Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and other famous reformers in launching their campaigns against the Papacy and its authority'.

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During this interval....the schism was....changed into a political and cultural relation (with Rome). In this, Pope John IX was very instrumental, because he recognized the Patriarchs Constantinople Ignatius, Photius, Stephen I and Antonius II as canonical and condemned a who did not. Consequently, after the Synod of 879, no second schism existed between Photius and Rome, as Roman Catholic....asserted. Modern, unbiased, scientific research...concluded that the so-called 'second schism' of Photiusbelongs to the 'realm of legend'. (In fact) other condemnation against Photius was repeated by the succeeding Popes John VIII, Marin Stephen V and Formozos.****

****F. Dvornik's deduction, based on a study of 'The Report of the proceedings at the Church Unity Octave, held at Blackfriars, Oxford', Oxford, 1942 shows, in part, the following:

'First of all, it has been proved that the 2nd Photian schism never existed. Photius was reconciled with Pope John VIII, and the Council of 879 officially sanctioned this reconciliation. Photius was never re-excommunicated by the Pope. (Regarding) the so-called Eighth Council which publicly condemned Photius in 869, the decisions of this Council were cancelled by the Council in 879, when Photius was reconciled with Rome. (Its being counted as the 8th Council was a singular mistake on the part of Roman canonists of the 11th century, who found the Act of this Council in the Lateran archives and were delighted to read amongst them a decision forbidding the laity to interfere with the election of bishops. They were so delighted with this discovery that they not only forgot that this synod had been cancelled, but promoted it to be one of the greatest Councils of Christianity. Naturally, when this happened, the whole history of Patriarch Photius was bound to be misunderstood. A Photian legend was born in Western Christianity.....the legend developed during the Middle Ages and was codified by the first modern Church historian, Cardinal Baronius, in the 17th century.....these new views naturally destroying all that the Middle Ages built up.....naturally (also) the imposing building created in the 17th century by Cardinal Baronius and that Cardinal Hergenrother so magnificently renovated in the 19th century is cracking and collapsing before our eyes. The history of the great Greek (Photius) has to be rewritten'.

(This is to be concluded in the next issue of AFRICA)

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anism emphasis' shown in the various religious publications and reminded the delegates
Crist should be the editor-in-chief.

Florida Press Association, the Florida Council of Churches and the Department of Journal-
meeting in co-operation at the University of Florida, established a conclusion that the
ces, in general, are not making good use of newspapers for 'telling their stories'. A con-
elution was offered - namely: - Each individual church should establish a publicity
ntee or department, with a press secretary (from each organization functioning within
rch) active thereon. All news items would be summarized weekly from this press or
y committee and presented, in readable form, to the newspapers of the area for news.
eing with this plan, it was pointed up that newspapers have four main problems in evalu-
eir coverage of church news; these are:-

pace limitations

Staff limitations, which compel the newspapers to depend on accuracy of material sub-
mitted by church bodies.

Dead lines, which if not abided by will cause deletion of news submitted.

Attempts by other church groups to suppress controversial news from other church
bodies.

dition to these practical suggestions, the meeting in Florida offered a critique of the Bible
'news' standpoint - They described the Bible as the world's finest journalistic effort,
uses as the greatest editor, who offered more bold crime stories: Adam's disobedience,
murder of Abel; Lot's act of incest; Noah's drunkenness - and then balanced them
the great leveler: 'the Decalogue'. Luke was called the greatest reporter, because of
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